

## GPACTBI Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2013

Present: Heather Daglieri; Michael Baker; Sharon Brinkworth; Kathleen Sherlock; Richard Muto

1. Minutes held due to lack of quorum.
2. Richard Muto and Terri Brophy are working on a survey.
3. We need a physiatrist as a member of the GPACTBI. Sharon Brinkworth will contact Vanderbilt.  
Kathleen Sherlock will contact Rhode Island Rehabilitation Hospital.
4. Kathleen Sherlock will also contact PARI for a TBI case manager to speak with us and as a potential member.
5. If we keep to our current meeting schedule of the third Thursday of the month, our first meeting in 2014 will be on Thursday January 16, 2014 at 8:30am.  
Rather than schedule the meetings now for the entire calendar year, we will only schedule the January meeting and assess at the next meeting and the January meeting if necessary whether this schedule will work for the most members. Hopefully, the members from URI will know their spring semester schedules by then.
6. No other old business.
7. We will reach out to Elena Nicoletta to see if she will come to the December meeting to talk with us about the Global Waiver.
8. According to an article by Felice J. Freyer, Journal Staff Writer, which appeared in the Providence Journal RI Healthcare advertising supplement, dated October 10, 2013, entitled "BRAIN INJURY STUDY will try to balance ethics, research", Rhode Island Hospital is planning to join a national study which is testing whether a drug, the female hormone progesterone, can limit the damage from traumatic brain injury. The doctors think this drug works best if given right away. So they are planning that participants will become research subjects without giving their consent as they will administer it right away while the patient is unconscious. They plan to invoke the "Exception from Informed Consent" rules which can be applied in a life threatening situation when current treatments are unsatisfactory. Dr. Lisa Merck, an emergency medicine specialist leading the study in RI, is trying to get the word out, to meet ethical standards. We want to invite her to come to a meeting to discuss the study and the consent issue.
9. Riverwood Mental Health Services, a community behavioral health provider, has a group home resident with a TBI. We would like to edit our nursing home survey to send it to all the community mental health centers as we continue our assessment of the "continuum" of care for individuals with TBI in Rhode

Island. We hope to begin filling in the flow chart on the continuum at the next meeting.

10. Possible recommendations for state legislation for 2014 include re-introducing the Traumatic

Brain Injury Trust Fund proposal and mandating that insurance cover brain injury rehabilitation.

11. Next meeting November 21, 2013 at 8:30am at BIARI, 935 Park Avenue, Suite 8, Cranston, RI

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Submitted by Kathleen Sherlock

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